

PEOPLE INCORPORATED

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

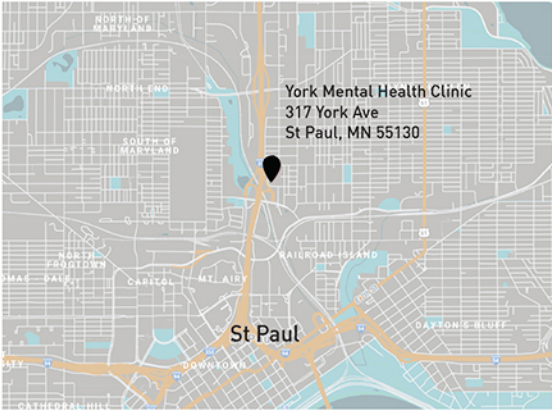
People Incorporated is an innovative community provider of vital integrated behavioral and mental health services since 1969. It has a long history as the largest nonprofit in the Twin Cities providing a full range of therapeutic inpatient and outpatient services for people with the greatest need and the most vulnerable. The organization is constantly innovating and creating new programs for people living with mental illness and addiction.

This Search for Shelter project takes a look at three mental health facilities that are in need of design strategies.

- 1. York Mental Health Clinic, which was a former a bank building, is in need of an interior refurbishment to better suit the homeless outreach services, Project Recovery, Housing First and mental therapy services. Pre-COVID, individuals experiencing homelessness were able to shower, obtain personal hygiene essentials, relax by watching a movie or playing pool and meet with staff to learn more about programs and services available to them.
- 2. Family Life in Coon Rapids is a commercial structure where the lobby is in need of updating to a new branding scheme.
- 3. Stark Mental Health Clinic is a small addition on the back of a former residential mansion in Minneapolis where the lobby wants to adhere to the new design.

YORK MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

The facility, previously a bank building, is in need of interior planning to benefit the services and making it a welcoming place for homeless visitors. The design team was tasked with understanding the multiple services that are housed in the building and opening up the interior layout to suit the identity of People Incorporated. The design strategies are 1) to enhance orientation for the visitor by opening up lobby areas and common programs 2) create compelling graphics that become both signage and atmosphere 3) open up the dropped ceiling to increase a spacious experience.



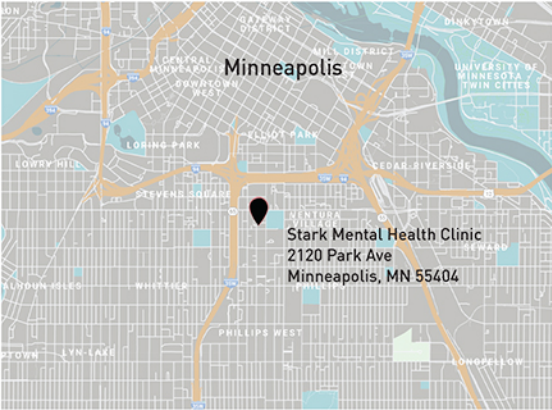
FAMILY LIFE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

The lobby at this facility is ready for an update that follows the identity of York Clinic and the headquarters in Eagan. The design team adopted the use of previously branded colors for signage and applied an accent of wood at certain places. The strategy was to open up the ceiling to create the spacious experience, bringing hanging lights and plants to create atmosphere.



STARK MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

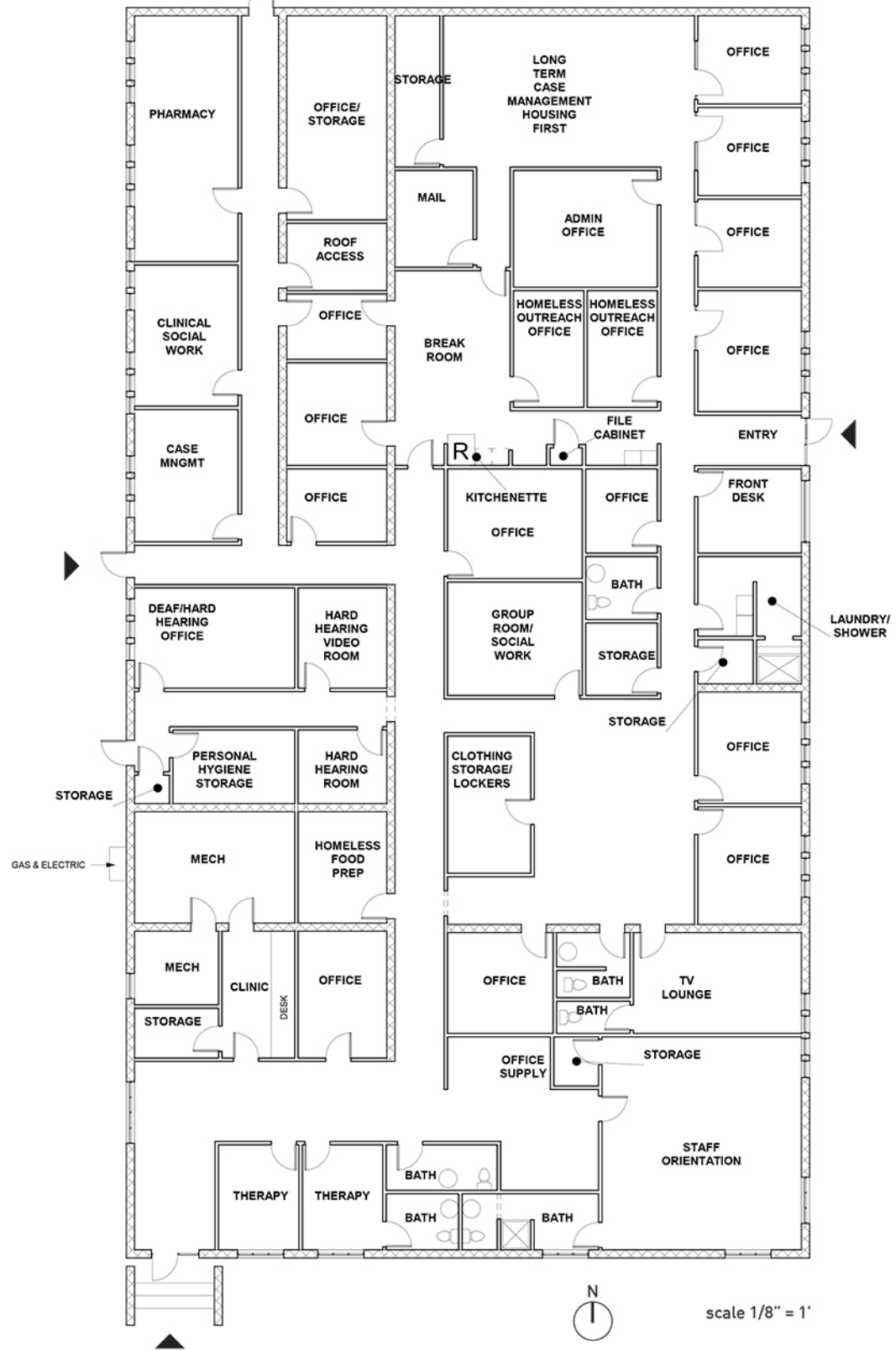
The lobby at Stark Clinic is a smaller space, yet equally due for an update in the branding scheme. The strategy was the same: to increase ceiling height; spray paint the exposed ceiling with duct work; hang lighting and plants to create a welcoming and atmospheric experience.



Recommendations

- ENERGY AUDIT**
An energy audit will be able to provide a clear idea of how the facilities can save energy and money.
- HVAC MAINTENANCE**
HVAC update and/ or maintenance will be able to address indoor air quality and balance the temperature of rooms that previously were sized for different purposes.

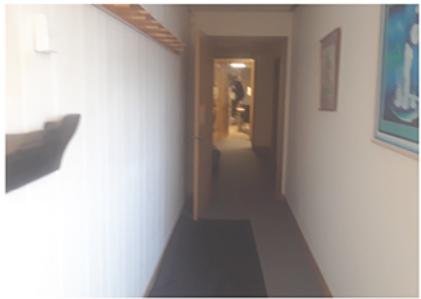




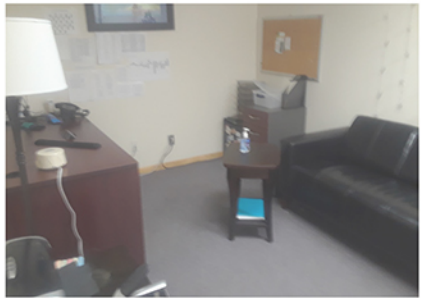
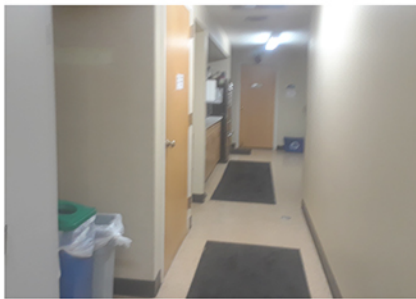
YORK MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC existing condition



a need for storage



a need for wayfinding



a need for open work area



GRAPHIC BRANDING

While adhering to the branding colors of People Incorporated, the colors became slightly modified to accommodate white text that would be incorporated into layout of the interiors.

Recreational Areas

TV Lounge
Salón de TV
TV Chaw Zaum
Fadhiga TV-ga

Storage and Donations

Clothing Center
Centro de ropa
Khaub Ncaws Chaw
Xarunta Dharka

Services and Help

Homless Outreach
Alcance para personas sin hogar
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Private Spaces

Pharmacy
Farmacia
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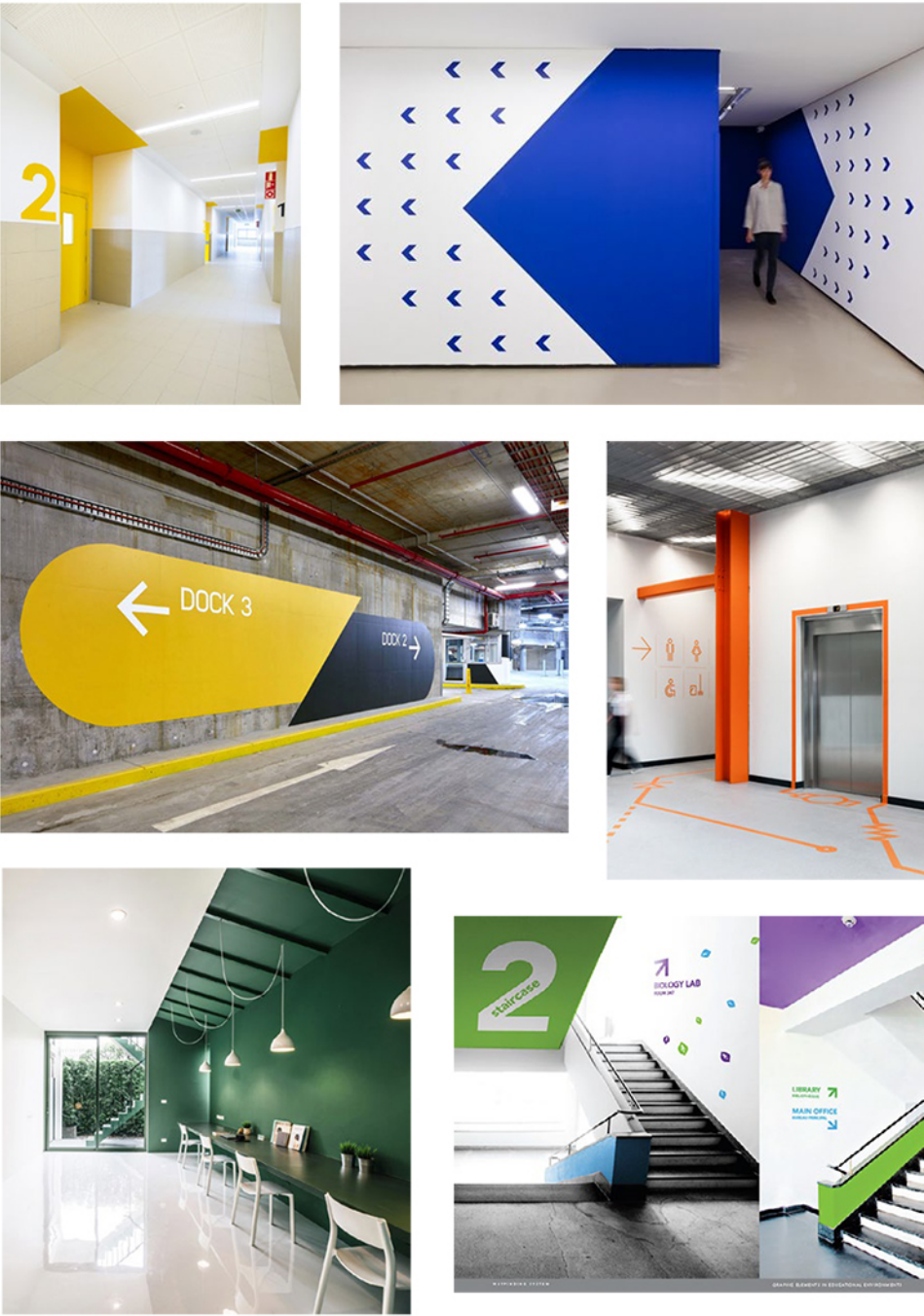
Restrooms

Restroom
Baño
Chav Plob
Musqusha

Hard of Hearing Rooms

Hard of Hearing Room
Problemas de audición
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The idea for the graphics is to both enhance wayfinding and in spatial atmosphere.



YORK MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC
proposal



1. view of lobby



2. view of donation area



3. view of open office



option "Big Dream"

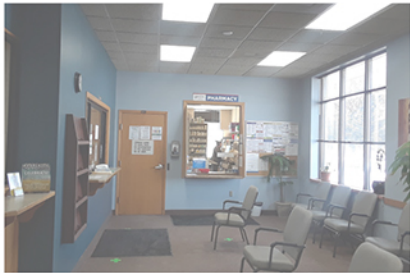




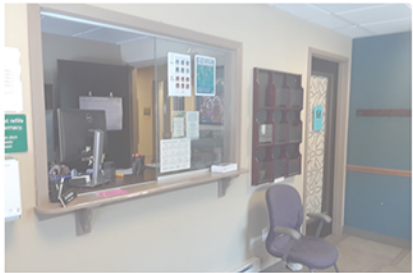
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existing interior



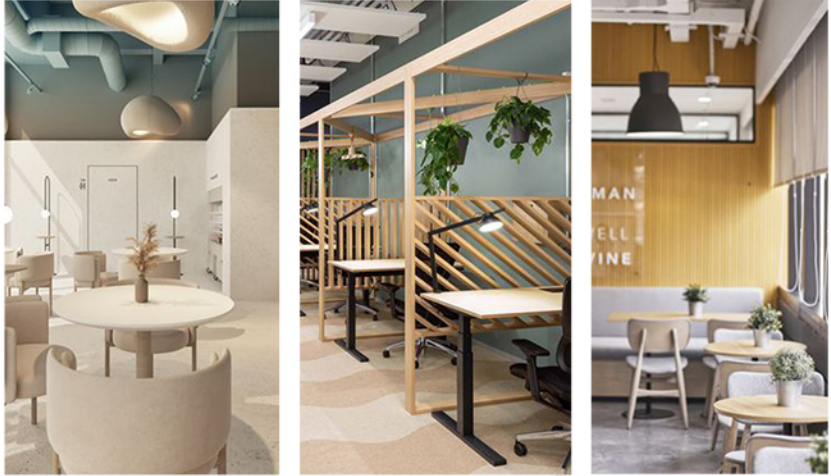
existing interior



proposed interior



proposed interior



ceiling and seating strategies



plants as decorative features. Locate near windows and between lobby chairs to provide extra spacing between visitors as they wait



pendant lighting as decorative element that helps brighten the space